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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 4318

E.O. 11652: GDS
ZAGS: PINS PDIP AF US
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN "SUGGESTS" CONSULTATIONS ON RECOGNITION
OF NEW AFGHAN REGIME

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 4263; (B) STATE 110165; (C) TEHRAN 4143

1. FONSEC SHANAWAZ CT NVOKED ME AT 6:30 PM MAY 2. HE SAID
PAK GOVT "THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA" IF SOME COUNTRIES WITH
PARALLEL INTERESTS COULD COORDINATE THE TIMEING OF THEIR
RECOGNITIONS OF NEW AFVSAN GOVT. GOP WAS CONSULTING SAUDIS,
IRANIANS, TURKS, PRC AND BRITS AS WELL AS USG. GOP BELIEVED
THAT APPEARANCE OF COORDINATION MIGHT EMPHASIZE TO NEW AFGHAN
GOVT THAT THERE ARE SIMILAR VIEWS ON THE MATTER, MIGHT
PERHAPS MAKE THAT GOVT A BIT MORE CAREFUL IN ITS ACTIONS,
AND MIGHT EVEN AFFECT THE CLOSENESS OF ITS TIES WITH
SOVS.

2. HE SAID AFGHAN CHARGE HERE HAD CALLED TODAY WITH ORAL
REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION, SAYING "AFGHAN GOVT ATTACES GREAT
VEALUE TO RECOGNITION BY PAKISTAN." CHARGE SAID ONLY SOVS,
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CUBA, BULGARIANS, AND INDIA HAD SO FAR GIVEN RECOGNITION,

3. WHEN I ASKED IN WHAT TERMS I SHOULD CONVEY THIS TO DEPT,
HE HESITATED BETWEEN "REQUEST" AND "SUGGESTION", SETTLING
ON LATTER. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, HE SAID HE THOUGHT
NEARLY-SIMULTANEOUS RECOGNITIONS MIGHT BE ARRANGED IN ABOUT
THREE DAYS. I SAID I KNEW USG WOULD LIKE TO MOVE WITHOUT

UNDUE DELAY, AND I POINTED OUT THERE COULD BE PROBLEMS
OF VISAS, EXIT PERMITS AND OTHER MATTERS IF RECOGNITION WERE
WITHHELD TOO LONG. I ASKED
WHETHER GOP WOULD BE VERY UNHAPPY IF USG FELT IT COULD NOT
WAIT VERY LONG AND WENT FORWARD WITH A NOTE AFFIRMING CON-
TINUING RELATIONS; FONSEC SIMPLY REPLIED THAT HE HOPED
WE COULD GIVE PRIOR NOTICE TO GOP BEFORE WE TOOK SUCH
ACTION.
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